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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of this application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 4, delete lines 25-26.

On page 5, delete lines 6-8.

On page 13, line 10, delete "According to an" and replace it with - - An - -.

On page 13, line 10, after "invention", delete "," and replace it with - - involves - -.

On page 13, line 11, after "(ICP) cells", delete " are created" and replace it with

- - , which are more detailed versions of the SN cells - -.

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